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Alfonso Morales
Chief of Police
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Dear Freddy Martinez:

This letter is in response to your records request dated July 3, 2019, in which you have made a request for records pursuant to the Wisconsin Public Records Law. Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31-39. You have requested:

- See attached request regarding face recognition technology.

The public policy in this state is to give the public the greatest amount of access to government records as possible. Wis. Stat. § 19.31. The general presumption is that government records are open to the public unless there is a clear statutory or common law exception. If there is no clear statutory or common law exception the custodian must “decide whether the strong presumption favoring access and disclosure is overcome by some even stronger public policy favoring limited access or nondisclosure.” *Hempel v. City of Baraboo*, 2005 WI 120, § 28 (Citations omitted). Notwithstanding the presumption of openness, the public’s right to access to public records is not absolute. *Journal/Sentinel v. Aagerup*, 145 Wis. 2d 818, 822 (Ct. App. 1988).

Upon review of your request and upon inspection of MPD’s records, the records custodian has determined that there are no records that are responsive to your request regarding software or services by Rekognition, Face ++, and FaceFirst. Under Wisconsin law, a records custodian need not create a new record in response to a records request for a nonexistent record. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(L).

This determination is subject to review by *mandamus* action under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or upon an application to the Wisconsin Attorney General or the Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Records and materials related to the solicitation, acquisition, and use of face recognition technology and related software and services.

This software or services may be provided by Rekognition, Face++, and FaceFirst; this request is applicable to these and any other company providing facial recognition services under consideration or contract with this agency.

Responsive materials include but are not limited to:

- Agreements: contracts (including non-disclosure agreements), licensing agreements, nondisclosure agreements
- Bid records: Requests For Proposal (or equivalent calls for bids), sole source or limited source justification and approval documentation, documentation of selection, and other materials generated in the consideration and selection of the technology in question
- Company relations and communications: records related to meetings or follow-up actions with any vendors, companies, or other private entities marketing face recognition to this agency for immigration, intelligence, law enforcement, or other use.
- Financial records: purchase orders, invoices, and other memoranda and documentation.
- Marketing records: All marketing materials - unsolicited, requested, or otherwise - acquired from vendors of face recognition technology
- Policy records: any policy directives, guidance documents, memoranda, training materials, or similar records governing the use of face recognition technology for immigration, law enforcement, or other purposes. Any memoranda of understanding between this agency and other agencies to share data, access remote systems or other forms of information sharing with external agencies.
- Training records: training material governing the use, sharing, or access to any related data related to or collected by the face recognition software/technology, including the legal standard that is required before using the technology. Documents, should they exist, about training for bias in the use of facial recognition technology.
- Use and function records: Materials that describe the function of the software considered or in use by this agency, including emails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, or specification documents.

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- Validation and accuracy: Records, reports, audits, and other documents sufficient to describe validation, accuracy, reliability, and policy compliance of the system.

Please limit the search to records produced from January 1, 2017 - present. Please include in your search as responsive records: communications, memorandums, background papers, meeting minutes, email exchanges, or presentation materials. If your office has questions about this request, please feel free to direct them to the address associated with this request or call the MuckRock office at 617-299-1832.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

Freddy Martinez

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